

REMARKS

This Amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is made to supplement the Examiner's Amendment made on June 8, 2004. Specifically, in Claim 12, the phrase "polymeric material" was deleted by Examiner Amendment, but no substitution for the deleted phrase was made. Applicants, therefore, propose that the word "polymer" be inserted in Claim 12.

In Claim 18, the word "said" was replaced with the article "a," as there was no antecedent support for "said polymer solution." Also in Claim 18, the second occurrence of the word "solution" has been deleted for the sake of consistency.

The proposed amendments are directed to matters of form, do not expand the scope of the claims, and would not require a further search by the Patent Office.

Favorable consideration and entry of these amendments are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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